IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHERN DIVISIN

THEODORE DAVIS,) Case No.: 2:05-cv-632-MHT
Plaintiff,	ANSWER OF THE CITY OFMONTGOMERY
vs.)
ARMSTRONG RELOCATION, Lln,)
EDNA DUMAS, CITY OF)
MONTGOMERY, et. al.,)
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Defendants)

COMES NOW the City of Montgomery, Alabama, defendant in the above-entitled action, by and through undersigned counsel, and in answer to Plaintiff's Amended Complaint, states as follows:

1. Defendant denies the material allegations contained in paragraphs 1 through 11 ("Facts Common to the Parties") as well as paragraphs 9 [sic] through 138 (Plaintiff's "First Claim for Relief' through Plaintiff's "Eleventh Claim for Relief"), including duplicate numbered paragraphs 9, 10, and 11 of Plaintiff's "Amended Complaint for Breach of Contract, Abuse of Process, Fraud, Unlawful Detainer, Wrongful Eviction, Slander, Violation of Civil Rights, False Imprisonment and/or Conversion" and, demands strict proof thereof.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 2. Defendant pleads the general issue.
- 3. Defendant pleads and avers that it is entitled to the discretionary function immunity set out in §6-5-338 Ala. Code (1975) on all state law claims.
- 4. Defendant pleads and avers that it is entitled to qualified immunity. McCray v. City of <u>Dothan</u>, 2003 WL 23518420, (11th Cir.2003) (Not reported in F.3d)
 - 5. Defendant pleads that the official-capacity lawsuit against Officer S. Watts is

duplicitous as a restatement of the claim made directly against the City of Montgomery and due

to be dismissed according the principles laid out in Kentucky v. Graham, 473 U.S. 159, 105 S.Ct.

3099, 87 L.Ed.2d 112 (1985).

6. To the extent that Plaintiff seeks equitable relief against this defendant, the City of

Montgomery avers that the plaintiff comes before this Court with unclean hands.

7. Defendant pleads and avers that the plaintiff was contributorily negligent.

8. Defendant pleads the affirmative defense of assumption of the risk.

Defendant reserves the right to amend these answers and affirmative defenses as may be

allowed by the Court following the filing of an amended complaint as has been ordered by the

court in its July 26th, 2005 Order (document 5).

Respectfully submitted,

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